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Group Art Unit	1772
Examiner Name	NORDMEYER, PATRICIA L.
Title:	"EXCIMER LASER ABLATION PROCESS CONTROL OF MULTILAMINATE MATERIALS"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003 and to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 24, 2003 for which a one-month period for response was given making this response due on or before November 24, 2003.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.